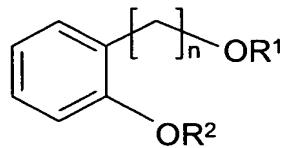


IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) Use of a compound having formula (I)

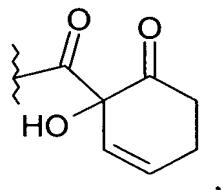


(I)

wherein:

n = 1-10,

R¹ is selected from the group comprising: consisting of H, branched or unbranched C₁-C₁₄ alkyl, branched or unbranched C₂-C₁₄ alkenyl, branched or unbranched C₂-C₁₄ alkynyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl alkyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopentyl, substituted or unsubstituted phenyl, substituted or unsubstituted monosaccharide, SO₃H, SO₃Na,
(CH₂)₁₋₁₀OH, COR, SiRR'R'', PO₃HNa, PO₃Na₂ and



,

wherein R, R', R'' are mutually independently selected from the group comprising:
consisting of H, C₁-C₁₄ alkyl, C₂-C₁₄ alkenyl, C₂-C₁₄ alkynyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopentyl, substituted or unsubstituted phenyl and heterocyclic ring,

and

R^2 is an enzymatically cleavable substituent or is selected from the group comprising:
consisting of H, branched or unbranched C₁-C₁₄ alkyl, branched or unbranched C₂-C₁₄ alkenyl, branched or unbranched C₂-C₁₄ alkynyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopentyl, substituted and unsubstituted phenyl or substituted or unsubstituted aryl alkyl

for the lightening of skin and/or hair.

2. (Currently amended) Use according to claim 1, wherein for the compound having formula (I):

R^2 is selected from the group of enzymatically cleavable substituents comprising:
SO₃H, SO₃Na, (CH₂)₁₋₁₀OH, COR, PO₃HNa and PO₃Na₂,

wherein R, R' are mutually independently selected from the group comprising:
consisting of H, C₁-C₁₄ alkyl, C₂-C₁₄ alkenyl, C₂-C₁₄ alkynyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopentyl, substituted or unsubstituted phenyl and heterocyclic ring.

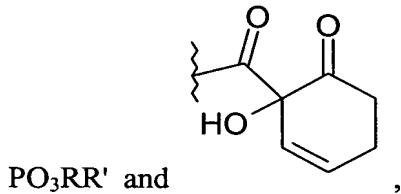
3. (Original) Use according to claim 1, wherein in formula (I):

R^2 is selected from the group of enzymatically cleavable, substituted or unsubstituted monosaccharides, comprising: glucose, mannose or galactose.

4. (Currently amended) Use according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein in formula (I):

$$n = 1-4,$$

R^1 is selected from the group ~~comprising:~~ consisting of H, branched or unbranched C₁-C₁₄ alkyl, branched or unbranched C₂-C₁₄ alkenyl, branched or unbranched C₂-C₁₄ alkynyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted phenyl, substituted or unsubstituted monosaccharide, (CH₂)₁₋₁₀OH, COR, SR,

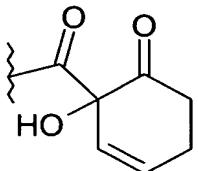


wherein R, R' are mutually independently selected from the group ~~comprising:~~ consisting of H and C₁-C₁₄ alkyl.

5. (Currently amended) Use according to claim 1, wherein in formula (I):

$$n = 1-4,$$

R^1 is selected from the group ~~comprising:~~ consisting of H, branched or unbranched C₁-C₁₄ alkyl, branched and unbranched C₂-C₁₄ alkenyl, branched or unbranched C₂-C₁₄ alkynyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted phenyl, substituted or unsubstituted monosaccharide, (CH₂)₁₋₁₀OH, COR, SR,



PO₃RR' and , wherein R, R' are mutually independently selected from

the group comprising: consisting of H and C₁-C₁₄ alkyl,

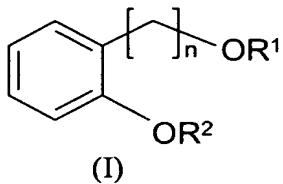
and

R² is selected from the group comprising: consisting of H, branched or unbranched C₁-C₁₄ alkyl, branched or unbranched C₂-C₁₄ alkenyl, branched or unbranched C₂-C₁₄ alkynyl and substituted or unsubstituted phenyl.

6. (Original) Use of saligenin, fragilin, populin, tremuloidin, salicortin, 2-O-acetyl salicortin or tremulacin for the lightening of skin and/or hair.

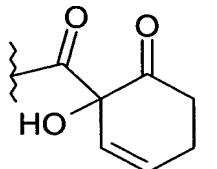
7. (Original) Use of salicin for the lightening of skin and/or hair.

8. (Currently amended) Cosmetic or therapeutic formulation containing an amount having a lightening effect on skin and/or hair of the compound having formula (I)



wherein: n = 1-10,

R¹ is selected from the group ~~comprising:~~ consisting of H, branched or unbranched C₁-C₁₄ alkyl, branched or unbranched C₂-C₁₄ alkenyl, branched or unbranched C₂-C₁₄ alkynyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl alkyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopentyl, substituted or unsubstituted phenyl, substituted or unsubstituted monosaccharide, SO₃H, SO₃Na, (CH₂)₁₋₁₀OH, COR,



SiRR'R'', PO₃HN_a, PO₃Na₂ and

wherein R, R', R'' are mutually independently selected from the group ~~comprising:~~ consisting of H, C₁-C₁₄ alkyl, C₂-C₁₄ alkenyl, C₂-C₁₄ alkynyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopentyl, substituted or unsubstituted phenyl and heterocyclic ring,

and

R² is an enzymatically cleavable substituent or is selected from the group ~~comprising:~~ consisting of H, branched or unbranched C₁-C₁₄ alkyl, branched or unbranched C₂-C₁₄ alkenyl, branched or unbranched C₂-C₁₄ alkynyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopentyl, substituted and unsubstituted phenyl or substituted ~~or~~ and unsubstituted aryl alkyl

for the lightening of skin and/or hair.

9. (Original) Cosmetic or therapeutic formulation containing an amount having a lightening effect on skin and/or hair of saligenin, salicin, fragilin, populin, tremuloidin, salicortin, 2-O-acetyl salicortin or tremulacin.